

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 97-3-10**

Date Prepared: March 6, 1997

For Work Week Commencing: March 10, 1997

Business Meeting Date & Time: March 10, 1997, 10:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, placed on the state electronic bulletin board, and posted to the PSC's world wide web site at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

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**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. MPC Docket D96.2.22 - Discuss and act on stipulation, procedural, and other matters as necessary (3/11/97)
2. USWC's trouble isolation charge - discuss/obtain direction (3/11/97)
3. USWC Docket D96.12.220 - Placeholder to discuss the breadth of USWC's cost studies, MCC's and AT&T & MCI's comments, etc. (3/11/97)
4. AT&T/USWC Docket D96.11.200 - Continue post-hearing discussions (3/11/97)
5. The Commission's continued discussion of Electric Industry Restructuring and various legislation pertaining to customer choice in electricity and natural gas industries (3/11/97)
6. Weekly Scheduling Meeting - Will be held following the 9:00 a.m. Legislative work session on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, PO Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. PACIFICORP - Docket D97.2.24 (Jeaneen)

On February 18, 1997, PP&L filed an application seeking authority to issue and sell or exchange not more than \$100,000,000 of its subordinated debt. On February 25, 1997, PP&L filed an amendment to the application seeking authority to issue and sell or exchange not more than \$135,000,000 of its subordinated debt. The proceeds will be used for the acquisition of property, improvement of facilities, improvement of service, the discharge or refunding of obligations, or to reimburse the Company for funds expended from income or from other treasury funds that were not derived from the issuance of securities.

2. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.2.28 (Vicki)

On February 20, 1997, US West Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 97-10, Introduction of "Call Manager Connection" Custom Calling Package, introducing a new package of Custom Calling features which will be marketed as the "Call Manager Connection" to business customers. The package will include the following custom calling features: Caller ID-Name and Number; Call Rejection; Call Forwarding-Variable; Continuous Redial; Priority Call; and Three-Way Calling. The package features will sell for \$19.95 per month. Customers may add Call Waiting to the package at no additional charge.

3. MCI Communications Corporation - Docket D96.11.184 (Jeaneen)

On January 28, 1997, MCI Communications Corporation filed an application with the Commission seeking approval of the merger between MCI Communications and British Telecommunications plc.

4. CITIZENS TELECOM - Docket N97.2.27 (Bonnie)

On February 19, 1997, Citizens Telecom filed revised pages to the Montana Local Tariff which adds rates, terms and conditions for Distinctive Ringing and Call Screening Options.

5. CITIZENS TELECOM - Docket N97.2.30 (Bonnie)

On February 21, 1997, Citizens Telecom filed revised pages to the Montana Local Tariff, effective March 21, 1997. The filing 1) combines Cancel Call Waiting with Call Waiting as one feature; 2) Adds a new revised Custom Calling Premium Package (combining Call Forwarding, Call Waiting Plus, Third Party Add On and Speed Calling 8) which reduces residential rates and increases business rates; and 3) extends a promotional offering to waive the non-recurring charges associated with Custom Calling features for all customers from April 1, 1997 to July 1, 1997.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

GFG Docket D96.7.123 - On March 3, 1997, staff granted a 3-day extension of time for filing of GFG reply brief (new date 3/7/97)

EAS Dockets D95.10.146 and D95.10.147 - On March 3, 1997, staff granted a 7-day extension of time for filing Motions for Reconsideration (new date 3/10/97)

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 97-3-17**

Docket D97.2.24	PACIFICORP (Jeaneen)
Docket N97.2.28	US WEST COMMUNICATIONS (Vicki)
Docket N97.2.27	CITIZENS TELECOM (Bonnie)
Docket N97.2.30	CITIZENS TELECOM (Bonnie)

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N97.2.34	Easton Telecom Services, Inc. Notice of Intent to Provide Resold Local Exchange Service
N97.2.35	LDM Systems, Inc. Notice of Intent to Provide Resold Local Exchange Service
N97.2.36	Atlas Communications, Ltd. Notice of Intent to Provide Resold Local Exchange Service
D97.3.37	Big Sky Network Technologies vs. USWC
N97.3.38	USWC Multi-Product Spring Promotion
N97.3.39	USWC 12 for 10 Promotion
N97.3.40	USWC Intro of Usage Sensitive Pricing Option for Three Way Calling
N97.3.41	USWC Revisions to Private Line Transport Tariff